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SUBJECT: Open Grant Program Solicitations from the Office of Justice Programs

The Office of Justice Programs (OJP) provides federal leadership in developing the Nation's capacity to prevent and control crime, administer justice, and assist victims. In this capacity, OJP administers the majority of the Department of Justice (DOJ) grant funding as appropriated by Congress. In an effort to keep United States Attorneys informed of open FY 2015 grant solicitations, we are providing the following information:

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## **FY 2015 Grant Program Solicitations**

### **Bureau of Justice Assistance**

#### **Solicitation Title: BJA, FY 15 Violent Gang and Gun Crime Reduction Program (Project Safe Neighborhoods)**

**Who Can Apply?** Applicants are limited to Project Safe Neighborhoods Task Force fiscal agents for the U.S. Attorney districts and Federally recognized Indian tribal governments as determined by the Secretary of the Interior. All fiscal agents must be certified by the relevant U.S. Attorney's Office (USAO). Eligible fiscal agents include states, units of local government, educational institutions, faith-based and other community organizations, private non-profit organizations, and Federally recognized Indian tribal governments as determined by the Secretary of the Interior.

**What's It For?** BJA will award funding to support the reduction of gun crime and gang violence by the most violent offenders in the most violent neighborhoods. This program employs a research-driven, intelligence-led, and problem-solving approach to reduce firearms and gang violence through enforcement, deterrence, and prevention. BJA is seeking proposals from applicants interested in developing innovative, comprehensive, data-driven approaches to reduce chronic gun and/or gang violence in their jurisdiction.

**When's It Due?** Applications are due February 17, 2015.

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### **National Institute of Justice (NIJ)**

#### **Solicitation Title: NIJ, FY 15 Collecting Digital Evidence from Large-Scale Computer Systems and Networks**

**Who Can Apply?** Applicants are limited to states (including territories), units of local government (including Federally recognized Indian tribal governments as determined by the Secretary of the Interior), non-profit and for-profit organizations (including tribal non-profit or for-profit organizations), institutions of higher education (including tribal institutions of higher education), and certain qualified individuals. NIJ may also enter into interagency agreements with Federal entities in appropriate cases. Consistent with OJP fiscal requirements, for-profit organizations are not permitted to make a profit as a result of this award or charge a management fee for the performance of this award. Foreign governments, foreign organizations, and foreign institutions of higher education are not eligible to apply.

**What's It For?** NIJ will award funding to conduct research and develop technology leading to new and innovative means for criminal justice agencies, in particular State and local agencies, to identify, preserve, acquire and/or analyze and report data of an investigative value from large-scale computer systems and computer networks in a forensically sound manner. This program seeks proposals focusing on the collection of evidence regarding criminal intent and criminal activity not necessarily affecting the computer systems and networks.

**When's It Due?** Applications are due March 23, 2015.

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**Solicitation Title:** NIJ, FY 15 Developing a Method to Valuate Law Enforcement Data

**Who Can Apply?** Applicants are limited to states (including territories), units of local government (including Federally recognized Indian tribal governments as determined by the Secretary of the Interior), non-profit and for-profit organizations (including tribal non-profit or for-profit organizations), institutions of higher education (including tribal institutions of higher education), and certain qualified individuals. NIJ may also enter into interagency agreements with Federal entities in appropriate cases. Consistent with OJP fiscal requirements, for-profit organizations are not permitted to make a profit as a result of this award or charge a management fee for the performance of this award. Foreign governments, foreign organizations, and foreign institutions of higher education are not eligible to apply.

**What's It For?** NIJ will award funding to support research leading to improvements in understanding the comparative value of data relevant to the law enforcement business process. The proposed research should develop quantifiable measures that reflect the importance of the different kinds of data, offset by the cost to collect, process, analyze, distribute, and retain that data, to include the data security costs. For purposes of this solicitation, the law enforcement business process is defined as the related, structured actions carried out by law enforcement agencies to accomplish their mission.

**When's It Due?** Applications are due March 23, 2015.

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**Solicitation Title:** NIJ, FY 15 Research on Law Enforcement use of Common Operational Picture (COP) Technologies

**Who Can Apply?** Applicants are limited to states (including territories), units of local government (including Federally recognized Indian tribal governments as determined by the Secretary of the Interior), non-profit and for-profit organizations (including tribal non-profit or for-profit organizations), institutions of higher education (including tribal institutions of higher education), and certain qualified individuals. NIJ may also enter into interagency agreements with Federal entities in appropriate cases. Consistent with OJP fiscal requirements, for-profit organizations are not permitted to make a profit as a result of this award or charge a management fee for the performance of this award. Foreign governments, foreign organizations, and foreign institutions of higher education are not eligible to apply.

**What's It For?** NIJ will award funding to support research to identify and characterize the different common operational picture (COP) technologies being used by law enforcement agencies for emergency response and law enforcement operations and what is known about their efficacy. This research is the first step in a longer-term research effort to understand, develop, and implement optimal COP technologies.

**When's It Due?** Applications are due March 23, 2015.

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**Solicitation Title:** NIJ, FY 15 Graduate Research Fellowship in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics

**Who Can Apply?** Applicants are limited to degree-granting academic institutions in the United States and its territories. To be eligible, the institution must be fully accredited by one of the regional institutional accreditation agencies recognized by the U.S. Secretary of Education. Under this solicitation, the applicant institution must apply as the sponsoring institution for the doctoral candidate conducting criminal justice-related research in a discipline relevant to NIJ's mission.

**What's It For?** NIJ will award funding to support graduate research leading to doctoral degrees in areas that are relevant to ensuring public safety, preventing and controlling crime, and ensuring the fair and impartial administration of criminal justice in the United States. Academic institutions sponsoring doctoral students are eligible to apply only if the doctoral dissertation research has direct implications for providing science-based, technology-based, engineering-based, or mathematics-based solutions for issues that affect public safety, crime, and the fair and impartial administration of criminal justice in the United States. Academic institutions are encouraged to apply to support doctoral students in the Life Sciences, Chemistry, Physics, Geosciences, Materials Research, Engineering, Computer and Information Sciences and Engineering, and the Mathematical Sciences programs.

**When's It Due?** Applications are due March 30, 2015.

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**Solicitation Title:** NIJ, FY 15 Research on the Efficacy of Different Contraband Interdiction Modalities Used in Correctional Facilities

**Who Can Apply?** Applicants are limited to states (including territories), units of local government (including Federally recognized Indian tribal governments as determined by the Secretary of the Interior), non-profit and for-profit organizations (including tribal non-profit or for-profit organizations), institutions of higher education (including tribal institutions of higher education), and certain qualified individuals. NIJ may also enter into interagency agreements with Federal entities in appropriate cases. Consistent with OJP fiscal requirements, for-profit organizations are not permitted to make a profit as a result of this award or charge a management fee for the performance of this award. Foreign governments, foreign organizations, and foreign institutions of higher education are not eligible to apply.

**What's It For?** NIJ will award funding to conduct research to identify and evaluate the different interdiction modalities currently used by criminal justice agencies to keep contraband out of correctional facilities. An interdiction modality is considered to include: the policies and practices that agencies use to prevent contraband from being brought into a facility, the practices used to detect and remove contraband that may be in the facility, and the statutes and regulations that govern how these modalities are applied.

**When's It Due?** Applications are due April 2, 2015.

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**Solicitation Title:** NIJ, FY 15 Research into the Use of Suicide Prevention and Intervention Strategies by Law Enforcement Agencies

**Who Can Apply?** Applicants are limited to states (including territories), units of local government (including Federally recognized Indian tribal governments as determined by the Secretary of the Interior), non-profit and for-profit organizations (including tribal non-profit or for-profit organizations), institutions of higher education (including tribal institutions of higher education), and certain qualified individuals. Consistent with OJP fiscal requirements, for-profit organizations are not permitted to make a profit as a result of this award or charge a management fee for the performance of this award. Foreign governments, foreign organizations, and foreign institutions of higher education are not eligible to apply.

**What's It For?** NIJ will award funding to identify the strategies that law enforcement agencies (minimally in the United States, and potentially abroad) are using to prevent officer suicide and the existing evidence regarding the efficacy of these strategies. This research is expected to lay the basis for follow-on work to optimize such strategies.

**When's It Due?** Applications are due April 2, 2015.

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**Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP)**

**Solicitation Title:** OJJDP, FY 2015 Second Chance Act Strengthening Relationships Between Young Fathers and Their Children: A Reentry Mentoring Project

**Who Can Apply?** Applicants are limited to non-profit organizations (including faith-based, tribal, and community non-profit organizations) and Federally recognized Indian tribes. Applicants must submit letters of support or memoranda of understanding with juvenile justice or adult correctional agencies that oversee the reentry process for young fathers (younger than 25 years old). Applicants may choose to partner with other community-based agencies to provide some reentry services, including the mentoring component, however, one eligible entity must submit as the applicant and the others must be proposed as subrecipients.

**What's It For?** OJJDP will award funding to support mentoring and comprehensive transitional services that emphasize development of parenting skills in offenders who are young fathers

reintegrating into their communities. Mentoring and transition services should start during secure confinement and continue through transition back to the community and post-release. Transitional services include a broad range of activities, such as case management, that target offender needs affecting recidivism.

**When's It Due?** Applications are due March 2, 2015.

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**Solicitation Title: OJJDP, FY 2015 Youth Violence Prevention Coordinated Technical Assistance Program**

**Who Can Apply?** Applicants are limited to non-profit and for-profit organizations (including tribal non-profit and for-profit organizations) and institutions of higher education (including tribal institutions of higher education). Consistent with OJP fiscal requirements, for-profit organizations are not permitted to make a profit as a result of this award or charge a management fee for the performance of this award. OJJDP strongly encourages applications that involve two or more entities; however, one eligible entity must be the applicant and serve as the fiscal and administrative lead, and other project partners must be proposed as subrecipients.

**What's It For?** OJJDP will award funding to support a provider that will deliver a full range of comprehensive training and technical assistance to communities participating in three signature youth violence prevention initiatives – Defending Childhood, National Forum on Youth Violence Prevention, and Community-Based Violence Prevention. The successful applicant will help the communities develop professional knowledge and capacity, reform policy and practice, increase effective use of data to inform decision makers, raise public awareness, align and/or reallocate existing resources, enhance community outreach, increase engagement of and collaboration among the full range of stakeholders, and promote collective impact.

**When's It Due?** Applications are due March 2, 2015.

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Please review the requirements set forth in the solicitations above and encourage eligible entities to submit applications for funding. For more information, please visit OJP's website, [www.ojp.gov](http://www.ojp.gov). Open solicitations are posted at [www.grants.gov](http://www.grants.gov) and [ojp.gov/funding/Explore/CurrentFundingOpportunities.htm](http://ojp.gov/funding/Explore/CurrentFundingOpportunities.htm).

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